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#### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

No. 283

S. P. 116

In Senate, January 19, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.

Cosponsor: Mr. Peterson of Caribou.

### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Use of Flashing Lights on School Buses.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

29 MRSA § 2019, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1979, c. 670, § 25, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

Notwithstanding section 2011, subsection 2, a school bus may use a system of flashing red lights during any time when that school bus is transporting minors, regardless of whether or not the minors are being transported to or from any activity set out in section 2011, subsection 2, and the lights may be activated when the school bus is receiving or discharging passengers. Any operator of a vehicle meeting or overtaking such a bus with its red lights flashing shall comply with all provisions of this section.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit school buses which are transporting minors to and from nonschool-related activities to use flashing red lights.